



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
NORTH DAKOTA TOURISM WEEK
MAY 8-16, 2010

WHEREAS, the U.S. travel and tourism industry is one of America's largest industries, generating \$704 billion in domestic and international expenditures and accounting for more than 7.4 million jobs; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota is outpacing the nation in core tourism growth, increasing 10.7 percent in the last two years, compared to the national growth of 8.1 percent; and

WHEREAS, travel provided employment for more than 31,208 jobs in North Dakota, generating a payroll of \$760 million; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, each visitor added \$83 to the Gross State Product, with out-of-state visitor spending contributing \$4.13 billion to the state's overall economy; and

WHEREAS, given these significant contributions to the economic, social and cultural well-being of the citizens of North Dakota, it is fitting that we recognize the importance of the state's travel industry; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to vacation in their backyard and experience the many historical, cultural and recreational activities and destinations that make the state legendary.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 8-16, 2010, **TOURISM WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.



John Hoeven
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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State